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{EDITED VERSION OF THE AMENDED SPECIFICATION}

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 168, 168 (second occurrence), 206, and 208 as follows:

{CLEAN VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIM}



168. A system for displaying programming material to a user,

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Fig. 1 depicts an embodiment wherein the display unit

the user employs a hand-held scanner/pointer

device to select features associated with a printed matter and to interface with an intelligent controller or personal computer; Fig. 6b depicts an alternative embodiment of the invention wherein the user employs a separately attached trackball mouse and hand-held scanner device to select features associated with a printed matter and to interface with an intelligent controller or personal computer; Fig. 6c depicts another embodiment of the invention

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- wherein the user employs a separately attached trackball mouse and digital camera device to select features associated with a printed matter and to interface with an intelligent controller or personal computer;
- Fig. 6d depicts another embodiment of the invention wherein the user employs a microphone set up to interface with an intelligent controller or personal computer which contains voice recognition software to select features associated with a printed matter;
- Fig. 6e depicts yet another embodiment of the invention

wherein the user employs a traditional keyboard set up to interface with an intelligent controller or personal computer for manual entry to select features associated with a printed matter;

FIG. 6f depicts another embodiment of the present invention in which a scanable magnetic strip is set up to interface with an intelligent controller or personal computer equipped with a magnetic card reader to select features associated with a printed matter; and

Fig. 7 depicts an embodiment of the invention adapted for shop-at-home applications.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

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In this section, the various preferred embodiments of the invention are described from two general perspectives. The first, a "functional" perspective, focuses on the contemplated interactions between the user and the various components -- i.e., the printed matter, controller, display unit, etc. -- of the invention. This functional description provides the insight needed to implement the software or firmware used in connection with the invention. The second perspective, the "apparatus"